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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the parenthetical statement on page 5, lines 17-19.

Please insert the following paragraph, on page 5, following the paragraph ending on line

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The organism used is fungus *Termitomyces clypeatus* strain having Accession No. MTCC 5091, deposited at Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh, India. This strain is open to public access and can be acquired/obtained from IMTECH, Chandigarh. The strain has been deposited with the Microbial Type Culture Collection & Gene Bank, Institute of Microbial Technology, Sector 39 A, Chandigarh 160 036, India, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, and accorded the designation number MTCC 5091. The deposit will be maintained in the depository, which is a public depository, for a period of 30 years, or 5 years after the most recent request, or for the effective life of a patent, whichever is longer, and will be replaced if the deposit becomes depleted or non-viable during that period. Samples of the deposit will become available to the public and all restrictions imposed on access to the deposit will be removed upon grant of a patent on this application.

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